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SUBJECT: GROC CONCERN FOR EVACUATION OF CHINESE FROM SOUTH VIETNAM

1. FOLLOWING GENERAL EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN RECORDED
SEPTEL (TAIPEI 1718) FONMIN SHEN, WITH VICE MIN TSAI
WEI-PING ALSO PRESENT, TOOK UP WITH ME A SERIES OF SPECIFIC
CONCERNS RELATING MOSTLY TO EVACUATION OF CHINESE,
AMERICAN AND PERHAPS VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL FROM SOUTH
VIETNAM AND THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT, INCLUDING POSSIBLE USE
FOR LATTER TWO CATEGORIES OF TAIWAN AS WAY-STATION.
FONMIN EXPLAINED HIS CONCERNS RELATED NOT SO MUCH TO
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS TO POSSIBLE FUTURE CRISIS NEEDS
IF SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM SHOULD FURTHER DETERIORATE.

2. MIN IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING GROUPS OF INTEREST TO THE GROC:
(1) PERSONNEL OF CHINESE DIPLOMATIC MISSION SAIGON UNDER
AMBASSADOR HSU
(2) LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE SERVING IN VIETNAM IN TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ON POWER, IRRIGATION, AGRICULTURE,
ETC.

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(3) NON-OFFICIAL CHINESE CITIZENS (GROC ESTIMATES THESE

NUMBERS AROUND 2,000), AND

(4) ETHNIC CHINESE WHO ARE CITIZENS OF SOUTH VIETNAM

3. PRESSURES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO BUILD IN VARIOUS OF THESE CATEGORIES, RECENTLY PROMPTING ROC EMBASSY SAIGON AND CHINA AIR LINES TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS OR UTILIZATION LARGER AIRCRAFT IN AND OUT OF SAIGON. THUS FAR NO AGREEMENT SECURED FROM GVN. I REFERRED TO ACUTE PRESSURES ON AVAILABLE AIR FIELDS AND THOUGHT THIS MIGHT OFFER AT LEAST PARTIAL EXPLANATION.

4. CONVERSATION THEN SHIFTED TO SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT GROC PROVIDING FOR EVACUATION REFUGEES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. MIN REFERRED TO RETURN TO TAIPEI OF NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER AND RAISED PROBLEM OF FUTURE COORDINATION BETWEEN CHINESE AMBASSADOR HSU AND U.S. STAFF COORDINATING EMERGENCY EVACUATION, ETC. WE BOTH AGREED IT IS TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL FOR US TO SEEK COORDINATE MOVEMENTS, PRIORITIES, IDENTIFICATION OF GROUPS, ETC. HERE AND AT THAT LIAISON MUST TAKE PLACE IN SAIGON. WITH THIS IN MIND I URGED THAT NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER EITHER BE SENT BACK TO SAIGON OR APPROPRIATE ATTACHE' IN ROC EMBASSY SAIGON BE DESIGNATED LIAISON WITH U.S. COORDINATING STAFF.

5. MIN AGAIN REFERRED TO PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM OF INTEREST TO GROC AND SAID IF SITUATION SHOULD FURTHER DETERIORATE THAT GROC MIGHT FEEL OBLIGED TO EMPLOY CHINESE LST'S AND/OR AIRCRAFT TO EVACUATE SOME OR ALL OF THAT PERSONNEL AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS. HE SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMED THAT CHINESE TRANSPORT IS PRESENTLY COMMITTED FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS ORIGINALLY SENT BUT HE FELT NECESSARY TO MENTION POSSIBLY SOME OR ALL OF IT MIGHT BE NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY USE TO EVACUATE CHINESE. JUDGMENT ON THIS POINT AS TO WHEN, WHO AND HOW WOULD REST WITH AMBASSADOR HSU IN SAIGON. I SAID I WOULD CONVEY THIS THOUGHT TO WASHINGTON AND SAIGON, MAKING CLEAR HOWEVER MY UNDERSTANDING THAT GROC IS NOT AT THIS TIME SUGGESTING ANY CHANGE IN UTILIZATION OF SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT.

6. FINALLY MIN SHEN MENTIONED REQUESTS FOR USING TAIWAN AS CONFIDENTIAL

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WAY-STATION FOR PERSONNEL EVACUATED FROM SOUTH VIETNAM BEFORE THEY CAN PROCEED TO FINAL DESTINATION. IN GENERAL HE SAID GROC IS READY TO HELP OUT IN SUCH CASES AND, REFERRING TO AMERICAN EXPRESS CASE (TAIPEI 1702), HE SAW NO PROBLEM ABOUT PERSONNEL REMAINING HERE FOR A MONTH OR SO BEFORE PROCEEDING. ANY CHINESE NATIONALS CAN, OF COURSE, COME AND REMAIN. MIN ALSO REFERRED TO APPROACH MADE TO ROC EMBASSY WASHINGTON BY TIME MAGAZINE, ASKING AGREEMENT

FOR ITS SVN PERSONNEL TO COME HERE; THIS IS PRESUMABLY NOW
BEING WORKED OUT AMONG WASHINGTON/TAIPEI/SAIGON AND WE
WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

7. SHEN EMPHASIZED THAT ETHNIC CHINESE COULD DEPART SVN
ONLY IF GVN WILLING TO PROVIDE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND GROG
HAD NO WAY TO INFLUENCE THIS DECISION. UNGER

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